



# Pacific Region Livestock Review

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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 435,000 head on July 1, 2014, the same as last month, and 16 percent lower than July 2013. During June, placements of 45,000 head were 26 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 40,000 head were 24 percent below June 2013. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

## UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.1 million head on July 1, 2014. The inventory was 2 percent below July 1, 2013. The inventory included 6.46 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the

total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.60 million head, down 5 percent from 2013.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.46 million, 6 percent below 2013. Net placements were 1.38 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 245,000, 700-799 pounds were 320,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 490,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent below 2013. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during June, 19 percent above 2013.

## UNITED STATES ALL CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM 2012

Cattle on feed July 1, 2014, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 11.6 million, down 6 percent from the 12.30 million on July 1, 2012. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 87 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2014, up slightly from July 1, 2012.

## NUMBER OF CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed June 1 1/			Placed During June		Marketed During June	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head			
Arizona	272	275	101	22	20	26	22
California	510	435	85	61	45	53	40
Colorado	960	930	97	115	95	145	150
Idaho	205	205	100	36	26	45	39
Iowa	610	640	105	45	54	73	70
Kansas	2,060	2,020	98	350	315	390	420
Minnesota	N/A	123	N/A	10	15	15	15
Nebraska	2,320	2,410	104	330	375	480	500
Oklahoma	310	265	85	49	37	53	46
South Dakota	215	225	105	27	31	41	45
Texas	2,630	2,550	97	425	370	480	420
Washington	214	201	94	39	37	48	44
Other States	433	315	73	42	35	31	36
UNITED STATES	10,739	10,594	99	1,551	1,455	1,880	1,847

State	Other Disappearance During June 2/		Number On Feed July 1 1/		2014
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	1,000 Head				Percent
Arizona	1	1	267	272	102
California	3	5	515	435	84
Colorado	10	5	920	870	95
Idaho	1	2	195	190	97
Iowa	2	4	580	620	107
Kansas	10	15	2,020	1,900	94
Minnesota	1	1	125	122	98
Nebraska	10	25	2,180	2,260	104
Oklahoma	1	1	305	255	84
South Dakota	1	1	200	210	105
Texas	15	10	2,560	2,490	97
Washington	2	1	203	193	95
Other States	6	4	305	310	102
UNITED STATES	63	75	10,375	10,127	98

N/A Not Available

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## JULY 1 UNITED STATES CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM 2012

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2014, totaled 95.0 million head, 3 percent below the 97.8 million on July 1, 2012. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973. After a year absence due to sequestration, the July *Cattle* report has been reinstated.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.0 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2012.

- Beef cows, at 29.7 million, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2012.
- Milk cows, at 9.3 million, up 1 percent from July 1, 2012.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2014 and the changes from July 1, 2012, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, down 5 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 3.9 million, down 5 percent.
- Other heifers, 6.9 million, down 7 percent.
- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 13.5 million, down 4 percent.
- Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.9 million, unchanged.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 25.7 million, down 3 percent.
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.6 million, down 6 percent.

The 2014 calf crop is expected to be 33.6 million, down 1 percent from 2013 and down 2 percent from 2012. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 24.3 million, down 2 percent from 2013 and down 3 percent from 2012.

### CATTLE AND CALVES NUMBER BY CLASS AND CALF CROP, U.S., JULY 1, 2012-14

Class	2012	2014	<u>2014</u> <u>2012</u>
	Thousand Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	97,800	95,000	97
Cows and Heifers			
That Have Calved	39,700	39,000	98
Beef Cows	30,500	29,733	97
Milk Cows	9,200	9,267	101
Heifers 500 Lbs. and Over	15,700	14,900	95
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,200	4,100	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,100	3,900	95
Other Heifers	7,400	6,900	93
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,000	13,500	96
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	1,900	1,900	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	26,500	25,700	97
Calf Crop	34,279	33,600	98
Cattle on feed	12,300	11,600	94

## UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2014 was 62.1 million head. This was down 5 percent from June 1, 2013, and down 1 percent from March 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down slightly from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 56.3 million head, was down 5 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2014 pig crop, at 27.4 million head, was down 5 percent from 2013. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 2.80 million head, down slightly from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.78 for the March-May period, compared to 10.31 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

### U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2012-13

Item	2013	2014	<u>2014</u> <u>2013</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent
<b>June 1 Inventory</b>			
All Hogs and Pigs 1/	65,188	62,128	95
Kept for Breeding	5,884	5,855	100
Market	59,304	56,273	95
<b>Market Hogs and Pigs</b>			
<b>By Weight Groups:</b>			
Under 50 Pounds	19,135	17,999	94
50-119 Pounds	17,078	16,071	94
120-179 Pounds	12,414	11,931	96
180 Pounds and Over	10,678	10,271	96

1/ May not add due to rounding.

## PACIFIC REGIONAL COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during June 2014 totaled 99.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 21 percent lower than the previous month, and 29 percent lower than June 2013. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In June 2014, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,305 pounds, calves 98 pounds, sheep & lambs 140 pounds, and hogs 252 pounds.

In Nevada, 100,000 pounds of red meat were produced in June 2014, and 800,000 pounds were produced in Hawaii.

## UNITED STATES RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.82 billion pounds in June, down 1 percent from the 3.85 billion pounds produced in June 2013.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.61 million head, down 5 percent from June 2013. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 1,307 pounds.

Veal production totaled 7.6 million pounds, 10 percent below June a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 45,300 head, down 21 percent from June 2013. The average live weight was up 35 pounds from last year, at 285 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.73 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.10 million head, down 1 percent from June 2013. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 285 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.4 million pounds, was up 5 percent from June 2013. Sheep slaughter totaled 193,300 head, 5 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 1 pound from June a year ago.

January to June 2014 commercial red meat production was 23.5 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2013. Accumulated beef production was down 5 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

June 2013 contained 20 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

June 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JUNE 2013-14 1/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	142.8	87.9	184,371	113,613	1,299	1,305
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	945	935	1,120	1,107
Nevada	0.1	0.1	121	123	1,006	1,043
U.S. Total	2,731	2,606	3,544,008	3,398,307	1,300	1,307
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	12.4	10.1	1,316	974	107	98
Hawaii	(Y)	(D)	(X)	(D)	(X)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
U.S. Total	57.6	45.3	14,352	12,824	250	285
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	27.1	27.1	3,943	3,787	146	140
Hawaii	0.1	0.1	8	9	129	137
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	8	(X)	119
U.S. Total	183.6	193.3	25,474	26,723	139	138
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	176.1	180	41,835	45,399	238	252
Hawaii	1.1	1.2	260	305	231	249
Nevada	(Y)	0.1	(X)	13	(X)	246
U.S. Total	8,196.2	8,099.5	2,241,582	2,307,518	274	285

RED MEAT	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	Jun 14 Jun 13	Jun 14 May 14
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	139.2	126.2	99.1	71	79
Hawaii	0.7	0.8	0.8	104	100
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	102	(Y)
U.S. Total	3,854.5	3,952.8	3,823.9	99	97

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

(Y) Less than level of precision shown.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

**FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/**

Commodity	Unit	California			UNITED STATES		
		June 2013	May 2014	June 15, 2014	June 2013	May 2014	June 15, 2014
		Dollars					
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	74.40	82.80	82.10
Cows 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	81.60	104.00	105.00
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	---	---	---	124.00	147.00	146.00
Calves	Cwt.	---	---	---	152.00	229.00	240.00
All Milk, Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	17.81	22.10	22.10	19.50	24.20	23.30

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows

3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

4/ Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

**HAY PRICES 1/**

Commodity	Unit	Alfalfa hay			All Hay		
		June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014
		Dollars					
Arizona	Tons	220.00	240.00	240.00	219.00	240.00	240.00
California	Tons	211.00	260.00	280.00	204.00	246.00	264.00
Idaho	Tons	220.00	195.00	220.00	216.00	193.00	218.00
Nevada	Tons	205.00	240.00	240.00	205.00	235.00	230.00
Oregon	Tons	206.00	220.00	230.00	189.00	208.00	220.00
Utah	Tons	190.00	170.00	170.00	186.00	170.00	170.00
UNITED STATES	Tons	220.00	224.00	222.00	199.00	202.00	197.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.

**QUARTERLY MILK PRODUCTION – PACIFIC REGION AND UNITED STATES**

**California:** Milk production in California for the April – June quarter totaled 11.0 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows on farms was 1,779,000 head.

**HAWAII:** Milk production in Hawaii for the April – June quarter totaled 7.8 million pounds, 1 percent lower than the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows on farms was 2,200 head.

**Nevada:** Milk production in Nevada for the April – June quarter totaled 179 million pounds, an increase of 9 percent from the same quarter last year. The average number of milks cows on farms was 29,000 head.

**United States:** Milk production in the United States during the April – June quarter totaled 52.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9,253,000 head.

**CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION**

California milk producers produced 3.55 billion pounds of milk in June 2014. This was 5 percent below May 2014, and 2 percent above June 2013.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,995 pounds, 115 pounds less than May 2014.

**MILK PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA AND UNITED STATES**

Month	California								United States 1/ 2/							
	Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/		Total Milk Receipts 5/		Milk Cows 3/		Milk Per Cow 4/		Milk Production 4/			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014		
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds					
Jan.	1,780	1,781	1,945	2,030	3,462	3,615	3,461	3,623	8,497	8,512	1,881	1,902	15,985	16,186		
Feb.	1,780	1,780	1,815	1,910	3,231	3,400	3,225	3,396	8,498	8,513	1,732	1,750	14,715	14,899		
Mar.	6/	1,781	6/	2,140	3,676	3,811	3,670	3,806	6/	8,521	6/	1,958	16,501	16,687		
Apr.	6/	1,780	6/	2,065	3,622	3,676	3,617	3,671	6/	8,542	6/	1,912	16,105	16,332		
May	6/	1,779	6/	2,110	3,720	3,754	3,718	3,750	6/	8,559	6/	1,977	16,648	16,922		
June	6/	1,779	6/	1,995	3,489	3,549	3,485		6/	8,570	6/	1,888	15,860	16,177		
July	6/		6/		3,375		3,371		8,522		1,850		15,762			
Aug.	1,780		1,910		3,400		3,396		8,522		1,850		15,768			
Sept.	1,781		1,795		3,197		3,196		8,508		1,748		14,874			
Oct.	1,781		1,875		3,339		3,335		8,504		1,817		15,449			
Nov.	1,781		1,840		3,277		3,275		8,499		1,765		15,002			
Dec.	1,781		1,950		3,473		3,471		8,504		1,851		15,741			

1/ Revised 2013 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows, but excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches.

Excludes on-farm usage.

6/ Due to federal sequestration, data collection on the number of cows and milk per cow was suspended for the months indicated; milk production totals were based on administrative data